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Dear Toni,

You haven't heard from me because our legal and medical situation made it almost impossible for me do do anything. After seeing you, the adhesions in my shoulders got much worse, considerable restricting my use of my arms. I couldn't even dress without thelp. This led to thrice-weekly trip to Washington for therapy. In turn, that loused up pretty much of my time. I am considerably improved, have finished the recommended therapy and see the orthopaedist tomorrow, after which, presumeably, I'll know more.

I have drafted most of the statements for witnesses the lawyer wanted, but he has been too busy on other litigation, and I hope to see him this week, after which I also hope I'll know more.

We have done a little on the cookbook, not enough, and we still dont have most of the essentied raw material. I have again written for it. But we have begun the classification of the recipes and have most of the information for the introductory sections we plan on chickens.

My research on the SST has continued and despite the opinion that I know is based on knowledge and experience that Mr. Field gave, I dont want to do it his way. I'd like to be able to make it a rough equivalent of Silent Spring. Tentatively I'm calling it No Peace. I have a considerable amount of information in hand from Oklahoma City, and it is meager consolation that everything went exactly the way I predicted more than six months ago. The SEP story finally came out and despite the letter to you, it had no resemblance to what I had done, except that it each case it was about an airplane. When I can I'm going to do a new lead and summary on that, in two parts, the first saying essentially what you have seen, without refernce to Oklahoma City, and the second on Oklahoma City alone. What has already happened there is inconceivable. These are also two-thirds of the book I have in mind, the other part being on the "Black Report" almost totally surpressed, of which I have a copy. It amounts to a rare and unusual declaration of no confidence, if not worse, of a ranking administration official, by a Presidential commission. Perhaps after you see the new lead and summary you will think of the Post again. You sent me the letter. I'll return it then. The Look piece was pure FAA flackery. Some time in the future, and I dont think it will be too long, your friends there will realize they have been had.

There were a couple of leads I sent you relating to fireign affairs. I never expected any magazine would be interested, in the light of the politicalm atmosphere today. Nonetheless, I have continued collecting information along this general line and plan a book, Aesop in the State Department. I have drafted the first chapter, so I'll recall how I wante to handle it, and dont expect to do much more for some time except continue my researches, essentially from the papers.

You haven't answered me on collaborators, so I'mm looking on my own. A good friend who has the bookstore in Frederick has two I'm approaching. I know I'll not have enough peace of mind to be able to concentrate and reorganize and polish for some time, not at least until our legal complications [illegible] smooth out some.